

TIRNO-08-R-00010

Solicitation Questions and IRS Answers – Part Two

Issued April 15, 2008

The following questions have been submitted in response to TIRNO-08-R-00010. The first batch of questions were numbered 1-7. The questions below begin with question 8. The IRS provides the following answers:

Question 8: Per the solicitation question & answers posted on March 28, it was stated:

Question 7:

One page 49 where the format is clearly identified for submitted the RFP, we are assuming the sample exams we plan to propose would be a part of the 150 page bid. We just wanted to confirm this.

IRS Response:

That is correct. If this presents a problem, please notify us.

This will present a problem for our group so we would like to know what our options are?

IRS Response: The IRS will not count sample exams toward the 150 page limit.

Question 9: **FAR 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)**

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within 10 days; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least 60 days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 5 years.

CONTRACT TERM

The term of this contract shall be five (5) years from the date of award. The contract shall include one three (3) year option, and one two (2) year option which shall be exercised at the discretion of the government.

We would like some clarification:

- A. Is it a term of 5 years followed by a 3 year and then a 2 year extension for a total of 10 years, OR
- B. Is it a term of 5 years with the 3 year and 2 year extensions as options, meaning an extension after the base of 5 years for a total of 8 or 7 years; OR
- C. Is it a 5 year contract – making it 3 year followed by 2 year instead of the 5 year initial quote.

IRS Response: FAR 52.217-9 should have read “shall not exceed 10 years”. This will be changed in the final contract. The contract term clause correctly indicates a base period of 5 years and two options (one for 3 years, one for 2 years). As you state it above, it is “A”.

Question 10: To whom should we submit the proposal to? On Form 1449 it provides an address but not a contact person. Would we submit to you?

IRS Response: Proposals should be sent to the attention of Jeff Jackson at 6009 Oxon Hill Road, 5th Floor Mail Room, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.